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Laura Greubel couldn't believe her eyes. A small army of workers converged on the canyon behind her home on Viacha Drive in late June, hauling out load after load of tree trimmings and dead brush. After months of waiting, crews from Aztec landscaping have finally made their way to Tierrasanta to thin out overgrown canyons just in time for wildfire season.

The City of San Diego has hired Aztec to clear out priority canyons. They will be working in Tierrasanta for the next few months. These crews are trained to protect native plants and habitat as they clear the canyons.

Aztec's Rafael Aguilar, Jr. encourages Tierrasanta residents to let his workers know if you have a problem canyon you want added to their list. Just look for Aztec's big tan colored trucks in the neighborhood. That's what Laura Greubel and her husband did, and it's paying off with a safer canyon and fewer worries as they head into summer.

Lots of road and sidewalk repair getting done in Tierrasanta, too. City Councilmember Marti Emerald is making sure Tierrasanta hot spots are on the master list of repairs being made with the City's recent \$103 million bond. Projects are scheduled throughout Tierrasanta for the next year. For a copy of the list, please contact Councilmember Emerald's office at 619-236-6677. And please remember to drive carefully when you see cones, signs and work crews.

It's been a busy year so far for our new Councilmember and her staff: Balancing the City budget, creating a new San Diego Fire Master Plan, supporting Tierrasanta CERT, Community Council, Friends of Canyons and our Tierrasanta Village. Emerald is also working to finalize the long-awaited Kiwanis Youth Foundation, negotiating for a positive resolution to the Tucker Storage dispute, and overseeing an effort to remove the long-feared Tierrasanta Blvd extension from our Community Plan. All the while addressing District 7 constituent problems.

Councilmember Emerald's Field Representative is Nathan Batchelder. He's at your service at 619-236-6681 or at NBatchelder@sandiego.gov. The Councilmember also keeps regular hours in the community, at the Tierrasanta Library every third Thursday.